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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2002 (Paper No. 3). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

In the claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 17, 19 and 22 as follows:

1. (Amended) A gravity hinge comprising:

an upper cylindrical knuckle having a first terminating surface and an opposing second terminating surface oblique to the axis of said upper knuckle;

a lower cylindrical knuckle having a first terminating surface oblique to the axis of said lower knuckle/at the same angle as said second surface of said upper knuckle and an opposing second ferminating surface;

a spindle received by at least one of said knuckles, said spindle establishing rotating communication between said upper and lower knuckles where said second